

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	
	:	Customer No. 53080
Teruaki YAMAMOTO, et al.	:	
	:	Confirmation No.: 4941
Application No.: 10/584,776	:	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1795
Filed: June 28, 2006	:	Examiner: ADAM A. ARCIERO
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For: NEGATIVE ELECTRODE MATERIAL FOR LITHIUM SECONDARY	:	
... MANUFACTURING METHOD OF NEGATIVE ELECTRODE MATERIAL	:	

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 26, 2010, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 26, 2010, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following Groups:

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| Group I: | Claims 1-7, drawn to a negative electrode material for lithium secondary batteries; and |
| Group II: | Claims 8-10, drawn to a method of manufacturing a negative electrode material for lithium batteries. |

Applicants elect Group I for initial prosecution on the merits. Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims which the Examiner has indicated are patentably distinct.